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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1178

early voting; identification; signature

Purpose

Deems an early ballot issued at any voting location, during the period of early voting after presenting and confirming identification, as ready for tabulating.

Background

Any election called pursuant to Arizona law must provide for any qualified elector to vote by early ballot ([A.R.S. § 16-541](#)). A county recorder may establish on-site early voting locations at the county recorder's office, which must be open and available for use beginning the same day that the county begins to mail out early ballots. A county recorder may also establish any other necessary early voting locations in the county. An elector who personally appears at an early voting location by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election must be given a ballot after presenting valid identification ([A.R.S. § 16-542](#)). In order to receive a ballot at a voting location an elector must present: 1) a valid form of identification bearing their photograph, name and address; 2) two different items containing the name and address of the elector that is the same name and address in the precinct register; or 3) a valid form of identification that does not appear to be the same address as in the precinct register and one item containing the name and address of the elector that is the same as in the precinct register ([A.R.S. § 16-579](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Stipulates that, if a voter is issued an early ballot at any voting location during the early voting period after presenting and confirming identification, the voter's early ballot is ready for tabulating.
2. Makes technical and conforming changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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